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T'ING-CHING INDUSTRIES
EXPANDING SINCE LIBERATION

21 PAPER MILLS RESUME OPERATION -- Hua Shang Pao, 16 May 49

Of the 23 paper mills in T'ien-ching, 21 have been completely restored from war damages. Their outputs are now the same as or greater than before the liberation; for example: (1) the Ch'ou-ling Paper Company, largest in North China, doubled its output after 3 months of operation; (2) the Hsing-hsing Paper Company increased its daily output from 2 to 5 tons; (3) the Ch'ang-chiang paper mill's daily output is now 70 rolls of paper, an increase of about 10 rolls over the preliberation period; (4) the I-sheng paper mill's daily output is now about 100 rolls compared to 80 rolls before the liberation; and (5) the Ta-sheng paper mill's output has increased about 20 percent.

With the expansion of production output, machinery and laborers also increase. Some 3,000 persons are now engaged in this industry in T'ieh-ching.

IRONWORKS PROSPER -- Ta Kung Pao, 29 May 49

Under the guidance of the People's Government, metal industries in T'ien-ching are now enjoying great prosperity. As compared to the pre-liberation period when more than 70 percent of the ironworks were forced to close shop due to KKK restrictions and impositions, there are now some 48 ironworks and 346 machine shops employing more than 3,600 men operating in this city.

Great assistance was rendered these shopowners by the People's Government. It instructed the Trade and Industry Bureau to obtain necessary raw materials from Manchuria, authorized the Bank of Communications to grant loans, and reduced taxation to encourage production. As a result, many plants are now adding equipment and increasing employment to step up output.

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In April, iron production reached 635 tons, an increase of 46 tons from March. In March, machinery output was 688 pieces, but it was greatly increased during April. Plans are being made by the T'ien-feng factory manufacturing flour grinders to institute a night shift. This factory is now producing one grinder per month.

EAST ASIA COMPANY PLANS EXPANSION -- Wen-hui Pao, 17 May 49

Manager Sung Fei-ch'ing (Ueda: 2312, 4331, 1052) of the East Asia Company in T'ien-ching is planning to enlarge the company to increase production. After the liberation, Sung was hesitant in undertaking any large-scale production because of his distrust of Communist authorities caused by erroneous KMT propaganda. However, his suspicion and fear of the Communists were soon removed by the generous policy of the People's Government. Contrary to his expectation, the People's Government failed to confiscate a single private plant, but instead strove to render great assistance to private entrepreneurs in solving their problems of raw materials, capital, and marketing. In addition, labor-capital disputes were amicably settled through the intervention of the People's Government to the satisfaction of both parties.

Enlightened by these facts, Sung is now a changed man. His company which manufactures chemical, bags and wool products, and employs more than 1,000 workers, will soon be enlarged to increase output to help the liberated people.

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